# Disability Network Southwest Michigan POSITION DESCRIPTION

### **Position Title**

Nursing Facility Transition Specialist Calhoun, Branch, Barry Counties

### **Position Supervisor**

Program Manager – IL Services

### **Position General Summary**

This position provides direct service to Medicaid recipients residing in nursing facilities, who desire to live in the community. The Nursing Facility Transition Specialist assesses the needs of consumers, creates person-centered plans, assists the consumer in their move to the community, and provides follow-up services. The Nursing Facility Transition Specialist also serves as an advocate at both the local and state level, and provides information and referral services in their area of service as requested.

## **Essential Responsibilities and Duties**

- Assess consumer needs to determine supports that will be necessary for a successful community living transition
- Create person-centered plans with consumers
- Provide information on housing and community-based resources
- Assist consumers in their move to the community and provide follow-up services
- Outreach to nursing facilities, nursing facility residents and the larger community to inform them of the availability of transition services and community based supports.
- Complete transition notices, expense reports and all other documentation required by DCH.
- Collaborate with partner agencies in the various counties to best meet the needs of consumers who desire to transition to the community
- Participate in Disability Network Michigan LTC meetings
- Promote self advocacy in consumers
- Maintain consumer files and complete all documentation required by DNSWM
- · Assist with community presentations and workshops as needed

#### Qualifications

- Bachelors degree in a health or human service field such as social work, rehabilitation, occupational therapy, nursing
- Understanding and commitment to the Independent Living philosophy and disability issues.
- Understanding of Medicaid and other funding systems
- Must be able to travel independently
- Motivated and independent worker
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Excellent problem solving and organizational skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of community resources and disability issues

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